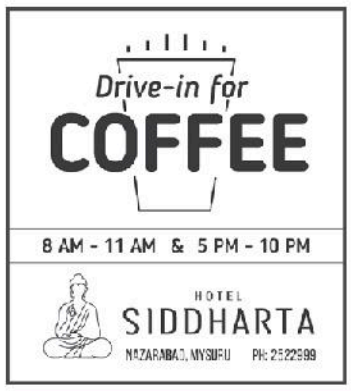

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India's vaccine wait is over

Covishield, Covaxin approved

Narendra Modi

V.G. Somani

- The vaccines are 110 percent safe: Drug Controller General of India
- Both vaccines to be administered in two doses
- Can be stored in normal refrigerator

New Delhi, Jan.3 (PIB)- It is indeed a red-letter day for India today as two vaccines for COVID-19 produced by Pune-based Serum Institute's Covishield and Bharat Biotech's Covaxin, received emergency approval from the country's drug regulator this morning.

Drug Controller General of India (DCGI) V.G. Somani said both firms submitted data on their trial runs and both have been granted permission for "restricted use." "We'll never approve anything if there is slightest of safety concern. The vaccines are 110 percent safe. Some side effects like mild fever, pain and allergy are common for every vaccine," Somani said, addressing a news conference in New Delhi.

Somani also said that both Covishield and Covaxin have to be administered in two doses and all the three vaccines — third being one by Zydus Cadila which has been issued permission to begin phase 3 trial — have to be stored at 2-8-degree Celsius.

Incidentally, the Phase II clinical trials for Covishield were conducted at JSS Medical College and Hospital in Mysuru in August this year. In Karnataka, JSS Hospital was the only institute that was selected for the clinical trials.

(See VACCINE on page 9)

Bengaluru financier found dead in Mysuru lodge

Wife missing; empty insulin vials, syringes found inside room

Mysuru, Jan. 3 (RK&BCT)- An employee of a prestigious finance company in Bengaluru was found dead under mysterious circumstances at a lodge in Mysuru yesterday. His wife, who checked into the lodge along with him, is missing and her whereabouts is not known.

What has raised suspicion is several empty vials of insulin and syringes have been found in the room along with a death note signed by both husband and wife. Initial investigation has revealed that the man died due to excess dose of insulin and the CCTV footages of the lodge and the room shows that the woman sneaking out of the room at 5 am yesterday. She has not returned as yet.

The man has been identified as 45-year-old Umashankar and his wife is 40-year-old M.M. Kavitha, residents of Yeshwanthpur. While Umashankar works for a well-known finance company in Bengaluru, Kavitha works as a nurse. The couple came to Mysuru on Friday night in their car along with their daughter who is studying in PUC.

Kavitha hails from Mysuru and her parents live in Jayanagar. After coming to Mysuru, the couple went to Jayanagar home and left their daughter there saying that they had to leave to Bengaluru on some work. But the couple did not go to Bengaluru and instead, they checked into a lodge at Old RMC Yard.

They ordered dinner on Friday night from outside. However, as they did not come out of the lodge till yesterday afternoon at 2 pm, the employees of the lodge got suspicious and they entered the room to find Umashankar dead on the bed.

(See LODGE on page 6)

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Peek into Gujarat at Urban Haat

Mysuru, Jan. 3- Gujarat Handicrafts Utsav and Special Handloom Expo commenced at JSS Urban Haat in Hebbal on Wednesday. ZP CEO B.A. Paramesh inaugurated the Utsav. A total of 40 weavers and artisans are participating.

Government of Gujarat, Ahmedabad, selects weavers from different regions and this time, weavers and craftsmen from Kutch are taking part. The deft works on Bandhani (Tie and Dye), Kutchhi Embroidery, bamboo crafts, Jute items, Navarathri special Chania Choli, Clay articles, Patchwork, Bead work and eco-friendly jewellery are on display.

JSS Mahavidyapeetha Executive Secretary Dr. C.G. Betsurmath, Technical Education Division Joint Director H.R. Mahadevaswamy, Department of Handloom and Textile Deputy Director Lakshmana Talwar, Indext-C Manager Dr. Snehal Makhwana and JSS Urban Haat Coordinator Rakesh Rai were present.

The expo will open between 10 am and 9 pm every day till Jan. 12.

Silk India Expo launched

Model-turned-actor Diana Mary launched Silk India-2021, an exhibition-cum-sale of vast collections of handlooms, dress materials and sarees from across the country, organised by New Crafts at Nanjaraja Bahadur Choultry on Vinoba Road in city on Friday. The expo will be held till Jan. 17 and is open for public from 10.30 am to 8.30 pm daily.

EDITOR'S BOTTOMLINE

The beginning of a New Year is often described as being Janus-faced, after the Roman God of endings and beginnings, who was depicted with two faces, one looking backward at the past, and the other looking forward to the future. As, Janus-faced, we enter 2021, the word we'll recall having heard, and read about, the most will without doubt be 'pandemic'. That word — and all the terms associated with it, Coronavirus, COVID-19, masks, social distancing, self-isolation, lockdown, WFH (Work From Home) — has been imprinted in the dictionary of our minds for a long time to come, if not forever. The end of year, however, brought the first glimpse of a ray of hope emerging from the gloom of the virus. Several vaccines to combat COVID-19 are reportedly on their way, providing the prospect of a new vocabulary based on deliverance, not despair. So, let's all wish each other Happy New Year. And, perhaps even more importantly, Happy News Year. —*Jug Suraiya in The Times of India*

NEWS SPARKLERS

This parasite is worth 3 times its weight in gold

Lhasa: A fungus that infects ghost moth caterpillars on the Tibetan Plateau, is considered by far the most expensive parasite in the world, fetching up to $50,000 a pound.

A close relative of the tropical parasite that infects ants and turns them into zombies, Ophiocordyceps sinensis (Yartsa Gunbu) is only found on the Tibetan Plateau, where it infects the larvae of ghost moths while they are buried deep underground and feeding on plant roots. The larvae are most vulnerable in the summer, when they shed their skins, becoming more easily infected. The parasite slowly grows in its hose by consuming it during the fall and winter, and just when the snow starts to melt, it pushes its dying larvae host upward and grows a plant-like, spore-filled stalk that pierces the ground, becoming the way to spot the valuable Yartsa Gunbu. It is then harvested by local villagers and sold modest prices that turn into a fortune as the fungus passes through several middleman, costing the final client more that three times its weight in gold.

Forest area looks like chessboard from space

Idaho: Idaho's natural environment is famous for many things, but perfect geometry isn't among them. That's why this photo of a forest area along Priest River taken from the International Space Station has been getting a lot of attention online.

Astronauts aboard an International Space Station shared a picture of what resembled a near-perfect chessboard pattern located in an area around Whitetail Butte in northern Idaho's Bonner County. Apparently, the squares are the result of a forest management technique dating back to the 1800s, where one-square-mile land were granted to the US Railroad and various other companies. This method ensured the sustainability of forest areas while also enabling logging operations.

HEALTH CAPSULE

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By Dr. Dinesh Kumar T. P. - Consultant Urology

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COVID-19 UPDATE

Figures as per Government Media Bulletin released last evening

Mysuru

Positive cases yesterday	:	78
Total positive cases	:	52,498
Discharges yesterday	:	84
Total discharges	:	51,094
Deaths yesterday	:	0
Total deaths	:	1,015
Total active cases	:	389

Mandya

Positive cases yesterday	:	15
Total positive cases	:	19,460
Total discharges	:	19,162
Total deaths	:	147
Total active cases	:	151

Chamarajanagar

Positive cases yesterday	:	13
Total positive cases	:	6,801
Total discharges	:	6,596
Total deaths	:	119
Total active cases	:	75

Kodagu

Positive cases yesterday	:	12
Total positive cases	:	5,761
Total discharges	:	5,587
Total deaths	:	71
Total active cases	:	103

Hassan

Positive cases yesterday	:	7
Total positive cases	:	28,033
Total discharges	:	27,434
Total deaths	:	393
Total active cases	:	206

LAUGHTER THE BEST MEDICINE

Teacher: *Suppose, you have four coins in your pocket and there is a hole in the pocket; and all the four coins fall down from that hole. What will you have in your pocket?*

Student: *A hole !!*

Today's Currency Rate

1 US Dollar	= Rs. 73.09
1 UK Pound	= Rs. 99.96
1 UAE Dirham	= Rs. 19.90
1 Euro	= Rs. 89.00

VOICE OF THE READER

Hit-and-run case

Kudos to V.V. Puram Traffic Police for swift action

Sir,

Kudos to V.V. Puram Traffic Police for swiftly taking action and tracking down a cab, the driver of which is responsible for killing a youth in a freak accident in Vijayanagar IV Stage Ring Road, on Dec. 31 midnight ***(Oil leak helps trace killer vehicle,*** *SOM* **dated Jan. 1).**

The eyewitness of the accident also deserves to be praised for timely information to Police Control Room, besides chasing the cab for quite a distance.

Such instances of conviction in duty would definitely go a long way in enhancing the reputation of Police Department, besides gaining public confidence. It is also necessary to install CCTV cameras in all sensitive places across the city to record such instances.

—Damodar
Vijayanagar III Stage 2.1.2021

Condolence meeting

Vid. Paramashivan

Mysuru, Jan. 3- Ganabharathi has organised a condolence meeting tomorrow (Jan. 4) at 6 pm, to pay homage to Vid. R. Paramashivan, well-known theatre musician, composer and director, who passed away on Dec. 31.

Senior theatre personalities like Janardhan, Mandya Ramesh, Addanda C. Cariappa and Puttannaiah will pay homage to the departed soul.

The event will be available live in Ganabharathi Facebook page and YouTube channel.

A man with rich, varied and vast experience, Paramashivan had acquired competence in Karnatak music, stage music, music composition and performance, both as singer and instrumentalist.

Paramashivan has several audio-cassettes and CDs to his credit brought out by well-known cultural institutions.

He was recipient of many awards and titles like Kalashree by the Karnataka Academy, Karnataka Government's Suvarna Karnataka Rajyothsava Award, Sangeet Natak Akademi Award for his contribution to music in Indian theatre.

Free Skill Development Training

Mysuru, Jan. 3- Skill Development, Entrepreneurship and Livelihood Department, under Chief Minister's Kaushalya Karnataka Yojane (CMKKY), is conducting free skill development programme for poor unemployed youths. Candidates, who have passed SSLC, PUC, Diploma and BE (Mechanical), will be provided training in turner, miller, grinder, fitter, mechanical assembly, CNC programmer and designer, mechanical Catia, UG, Pro-E, MCAM, CAD, Solid Works, tool room machinist, IOT, PDV, CAD-CAM, Mechatronics, RPT, Robotics and renewable energy sources. Attractive stipend will be provided for SC/ST candidates. Interested candidates aged 16 to 35 years (16 to 45 years for SC/ST) are eligible.

Log on *www.kaushalkar.com* and apply before Jan. 5. [Ph: 0821-2582750 or 91416-30315]

UGC approached to renew permission for courses: KSOU VC

Mysuru, Jan. 3 (MTY&SSV)- A fresh proposal has been submitted to University Grants Commission (UGC) seeking renewal for several courses as its permission ended five to six years ago. Due to this, those courses have failed to get UGC recognition, said Prof. S. Vidyashankar, Vice-Chancellor (VC), Karnataka State Open University (KSOU).

Addressing a news conference here on Friday, he said KSOU did not apply with UGC for renewal of recognition when permission ended in 2012. This was the gross mistake from the University side and because of this reason those courses do not have recognition. But, the State Government had recognised courses for 2013-14 and 2014-15. Certificates and marks cards have been distributed to candidates but it had no mention of Convocation in the Government order. KSOU was in touch with UGC authorities to set right this issue in the interest of thousands of students, he added.

New courses: The VC announced that KSOU was currently offering 32 courses and 10 new courses would be offered from this month. New courses include B.Sc, BBA, BCA, B.Sc (Information Technology), B.Sc (Human Resources Development), BA (Education-Telugu), M.Sc (IT), Biology, Botany, Food Sciences & Nutrition. With the

Prof. S. Vidyashankar

State Government authorising only KSOU to offer distance education to one all, an additional 20,000 candidates are expected to enrol for new courses in the coming days. Ten new regional centres would be opened including one in Bagalkote, he added.

Silver Jubilee celebrations

The VC said KSOU would be completing 25 years this year and a high-level committee had been constituted to celebrate this occasion in a meaningful manner. An action plan would be prepared by the panel soon.

Plans are afoot to open library 24X7 and construct hostel building. A handbook on the alumni (since its opening in 1996) who have occupied top echelons would be brought out. The same would be distributed to every house with the help of ASHA workers. Besides, an Alumni Association would be formed across the State as lakhs of candidates have passed out of this institution in the last 25 years including IAS, IPS and KAS officers, politicians and teachers.

Replying to a question, he said online coaching had been started through KSOU's new website. Two permanent studios, technical equipment and digitalisation of syllabus had been done. It was likely to get UGC approval by Jan.15, he added.

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NEWS BRIEFS

Discount on book sale

As part of Republic Day celebrations, Kannada Pustaka Pradhikara (Kannada Book Authority) is offering 50% discount on all the publications of the Authority from Jan. 1 to 31. The books are available at the Sirigannada book stall at Kannada Bhavan, Bengaluru, at the offices of Assistant Director, Department of Kannada and Culture, in all the districts and all Sirigannada book stalls. The discount is also available for books purchased online (www.kannadapustakapradhikara.com).

Animal Adoption

Following persons have adopted the animals of Mysuru Zoo under 'Adoption of Animals' scheme by paying adoption fee: Srikantha Balika Proudashala, Mysuru - Common Peafowl (Rs. 3,500); Aditya Prakash, Bengaluru - Meerkat (Rs. 10,000), B.S. Natasha - Common Barn Owl (Rs. 3,500); S.A. Adhav, Bengaluru - Smooth Coated Otter, Lion tailed Macaque, Ring Tailed Lemur & Asian Grey Hornbill (Rs. 25,000); Seshadripuram PU College, Mysuru - Black Buck & Moustached Parakeet (Rs. 9,500); Venkatesh Maddibande Sheshadrivasan, B'luru - Hippopotamus (Rs. 75,000).

Pratibha Puraskar

Agastya Credit Co-operative Society Limited, having head office at No. 1414, 6th Cross, Krishnamurthypuram, has invited applications from meritorious children of Society members who have scored more than 85% marks in SSLC/ PUC for presentation of Pratibha Puraskar. Also children of Society members who have bagged State/ National Awards or prizes for their achievements in any field will be honoured. Eligible children may apply with required documents to the Society's head office before Jan. 21. [Ph: 0821-2330014]

KRS Water Level

(Maximum : 124.80 feet)

Today	118.69 ft
Yesterday	118.74 ft
Inflow	888 cusecs
Outflow	989 cusecs

Kabini Level

(Maximum : 2,284.00 feet)

Today	2,271.26 ft
Inflow	312 cusecs
Outflow	250 cusecs

Harangi Level

(Maximum : 2,859.00 feet)

Today	2,819.95 ft
Inflow	152 cusecs
Outflow	30 cusecs

Ground works begin for C&D Waste Treatment Plant in city

MP Pratap Simha inspects site; Project likely to be launched by Mysuru District Minister S.T. Somashekar on Jan. 8

Mysuru, Jan. 3 (BCT)- A long-pending Construction and Demolition (C&D) Waste Treatment Plant will be a reality soon as the ground works for the Plant have already begun and yesterday, Mysuru-Kodagu MP Pratap Simha inspected the project site and works along with a team of officers. The project is likely to be launched by Mysuru District Minister S.T. Somashekar on Jan. 8.

The Plant will be established at a nine-acre land near the Truck Terminal on the Mysuru-Nanjangud Ring Road. The process of clearing wild growth on the land began yesterday. Simha said that over five backhoes, two Hitachis, one tipper and a bulldozer have begun clearing and levelling the land to set up the C&D Waste Treatment Plant.

Mysuru City Corporation (MCC) on Tuesday gave its approval for establishing a C&D Waste Recycling Plant in the city and Susthira Trust has been handed over the project and the company has a capacity to handle at least 100 tonnes per day.

Though some of the Council members objected to the handing over of the project without calling tenders, Simha had pleaded that the agency should be allowed to implement and handle the construction debris which was being dumped in open places and marring the beauty of the city.

Construction debris is the waste building materials resulting from construction, remodelling and repair or demolition operations. C&D materials often contain materials that inter alia include concrete, bricks, asphalt, wood, metals, gypsum, plastics and salvaged building components.

Dumping of construction debris is a big issue in less populated places and on ring roads. Every day, Mysuru generates over 150 tonnes of C&D waste. People carry such waste in trucks and dump them under the cover of darkness. The dumping usually is carried out in less-populated areas and on the Ring Road. It is difficult to identify such people and bring them to book.

Also, lack of C&D Waste Treatment Plant was one of the factors having a negative bearing on the city in its performance in the Swachh Bharat Survey. The Plant will be operated as a Public-Private Partnership (PPP) and will have no financial implications for the MCC. Susthira Trust has agreed to commission the Plant within three to four months.

After recycling, C&D products can be used to build houses, under-flooring of buildings at ground floor, to build tile-cladded brick walls, mud concrete wall or concrete wall for compound walls, casting of mud concrete wall and for pavement blocks.

After cleaning river, bathing ghat, Yuva Brigade organises Kapila Aarati

Mysuru, Jan. 3 (BCT)- After taking up the task of cleaning the bathing ghat and surrounding areas of Kapila River near Nanjangud Srikanteshwaraswamy Temple in Nanjangud, members and volunteers of Yuva Brigade recently organised 'Kapila Aarati' and Lakshadeepotsava on the lines of 'Ganga Aarati' in Varanasi.

The event was held to influence and sensitise devotees and the public to maintain the sanctity of the river that has an illustrious past. The Brigade members stressed the need of keeping the sacred place and its surroundings clean.

Before cleaning the river and surroundings of the bathing ghat, the areas were littered with plastic, discarded clothes, footwear and even carry bags. The place was a deposit for broken idols, photos of Gods and Goddesses and even discarded cooking vessels.

Silt had deposited in the banks and inside the bathing ghat and the soil was slippery and dangerous. Loads of silt was removed by the volunteers and they did not use any machines for this purpose.

For the 'Kapila Aarati', the Temple and the river banks were illuminated and the place wore a festive look. The river and the bathing ghat sported a clean look. A stage was set up at the middle of the river for the Aarati.

Peetadhipathi of Sri Raghavendraswamy Mutt at Manthralaya Sri Subudendratheertha Swamiji graced the occasion along with Swami Shanthivratanandaji of Sri Ramakrishna Ashram and Yuva Brigade Founder Chakravarthi Soolibele.

Before the Kapila Aarati ceremony, pujas and Rudrabhisheka were performed to the Shivalinga that has been established at the Hadinaarukaalu Mantapa.

Later, the Seers proceeded towards the middle of the river and performed the Aarati ceremony. Admiring the beauty of the place, Sri Subudendratheertha Swamiji said that it was sad that such a place was filled with filth and dirt before the Yuva Brigade intervened. He complimented the team for maintaining the sanctity of Kapila.

"Tradition has used the terms Vedas, Dharma, Truth, Supreme Being, etc. to indicate the moral excellence on which the entire universe rests. Hinduism or Hindu Dharma is not restricted to idol worship. It is a way of life where we see God in air, water, fire and earth. There are many people who call themselves secular and abuse Hinduism and Hindu way of life. Our Gods and Goddesses are mocked at and mocking and insulting Hinduism itself has become a way of life for some people who call themselves professors and intellectuals," the Seer said.

Fencing of land near Lalitha Mahal Helipad

We have only secured our property, says Pramoda Devi Wadiyar

Mysuru, Jan.3 (SBD&DM)- Following reports that a gate has sprung up overnight at Lalitha Mahal Helipad area, where a board has also been installed which read "This land is the private property of P.D. Wadiyar and legal action will be initiated against anyone found trespassing or conducting unauthorised transactions- Palace Estate Officer- Mysuru," member of erstwhile Mysore royal family Pramoda Devi Wadiyar has clarified on the issue.

Addressing a press meet at Mysore Palace yesterday, Pramoda Devi Wadiyar said that some persons have misunderstood the purpose of erecting the gate and installation of a board near Lalitha Mahal Helipad. Asserting that the gate has been erected on the path leading to the helipad as part of securing her property following a High Court order, she said that no fencing has been done on the path. But as some persons are indulged in a misinformation campaign, she was forced to issue the clarification.

Pointing out that as per an agreement between the then Union Government and the Mysuru Maharajas in 1950, a huge area of landed properties was given to the Mysore royal family, Pramoda Devi said that, however, trouble started in 2010 when the then Mysuru DC Harsh Gupta declared that land coming under Kurubarahalli Survey No.4, Alanahalli Survey No.41 and Chowdahalli Survey No.39 was 'B Kharab' Land, meaning Government Land.

Later, the Government directed for resolution of the dispute at the DC's Court, following which the then DC P.S. Vastrad scrutinised all the land records and declared that the landed properties were the private properties of Mysore Maharajas. But sometime later, Vastrad withdrew his own order.

Thereafter, subsequent to a Government direction, the then DC C. Shikha started a fresh hearing into the dispute, following which Shikha declared that the land is 'B Kharab,' (Government land). Left with no other option, she moved the High Court in 2015 questioning the decision of Shikha.

The HC which heard the case, ruled on June.19, 2020 that the land coming under Kurubarahalli Survey No. 4, Alanahalli Survey No. 41 and Chowdahalli Survey No. 39 is not 'B Kharab' and that the land belonged to the Mysore royal family.

Pramoda Devi Wadiyar addressing a press meet at the Palace yesterday.

The Government has not moved the Court seeking review of the order for the past six months. But in the meantime, some persons are making attempts to encroach the landed properties by erecting fences and installing boards. As such, they (royal family) installed a gate at the helipad entrance as a security measure against encroachments, Pramoda Devi said and added that some persons were engaged in spreading false information that no vehicles are allowed inside the helipad and that the gate has been locked.

Maintaining that she does not have any intention of blocking entry to the helipad, she said that there is enough space for movement of vehicles and anyone can enter the helipad. She reiterated that she will not place any hurdles for using of the helipad.

The Present Government is neutral

Referring to other properties of the royal family, Pramoda Devi alleged that officials were hesitant to issue *Khatas* even though the Court has ruled in their (royal family) favour. Stating that the royal family collectively had 1,500 acres of land in the three survey numbers (Alanahalli Survey No.41, Kurubarahalli Survey No.4 and Chowdahalli Survey No.39) when the agreement was reached between the Government of India and the Mysore Maharajas in 1950, she said that even Government of India official too in 1972 has ordered that the land belonged to Mysore royal family. But land encroachments have taken place and she is yet to ascertain the quantum of lands that have been encroached over the years, she said.

"Some persons have built homes and other buildings on the land. I wonder who gave them the license to build structures. The Revenue Department officials should survey our landed properties and mark them," she urged.

Replying to a question on Government's attitude towards the royal family, she said that while some Governments put more hurdles, a few others gave little trouble. But the present Government has remained neutral and there is no trouble from the Government side. However, the royal family faced trouble when the first BJP Government was in power over a decade ago, she noted.

Replying to a question on her entry to politics, Pramoda Devi said that the royal family was facing cases pertaining to landed properties and added that administration was an easy job for her. It is more apt to say that she does not suit to politics, she said.

Pramoda Devi's Personal Secretary Lakshminarayan was present at the press meet.

It may be mentioned here that *Star of Mysore's* sister concern *Mysooru Mithra* had carried a report on April.27, 2014, titled 'Wadiyar's landed properties worth Rs.100 crore grabbed.'

The report said that 7.5 acres of land in front of Lalitha Mahal Palace Hotel worth about Rs.100 crore belonging to late Mysore royal family scion Srikanta Datta Narasimharaja Wadiyar had been allegedly grabbed by a Bengaluru-based person. The matter came to light when B.N. Nagendra, an RTI activist, sought records pertaining to the said land, under the Right to Information (RTI) Act.

About 15 acres of land (6,53,400 Sq.ft) in Nazarbad Mohalla coming under Kurubarahalli Survey No.4 belonged to late Srikanta Datta Narasimharaja Wadiyar. But one V.C. Venkatesh, a resident of No.11, first main, 8th cross, Bapujinagar, Bengaluru is alleged to have got 7.5 acres of land (3,26,700 Sq.ft) registered in his name through a gift deed on May.8, 2013, for which Venkatesh is said to have paid a total of Rs. 22,88,050, including Rs.22,86,990 as registration fee, Rs.565 as service charge, Rs.500 as submission fee and Rs.35 as verification fee, at the Sub-Registrar's (East) Office the same day (May.8, 2013). Besides, Venkatesh paid Rs.1,28,06,640 as Stamp Duty through a DD issued by ICICI Bank. Taking all this into account, Venkatesh paid just Rs.1,50,94,690 to the Government for 'gift' of this land, which is worth about Rs.100 crore. The then Sub-Registrar (East) did the registration taking into consideration the 'Gift Deed' that had the 'left thumb impression' and signature of Srikanta Datta Narasimharaja Wadiyar, for which P. Pandian and Ravikumar of Bengaluru were witnesses.

The records obtained through RTI said that Srikantadatta Narasimharaja Wadiyar had signed the 'Gift Deed'. It said that he (Srikantadatta Wadiyar) was donating the said land to Venkatesh as he was very close to his family.

Following the registration, the MCC too fixed Property Tax for 7 acres, 20 guntas of land in Nazarbad coming under Kurubarahalli Survey No.4, at Rs. 5,45,976 from 2006 to 2013. Subsequently, Venkatesh paid the Property Tax at MCC Zonal Office-9 on May.15, 2013.

The question then was how the Sub-Registrar's Office did the registration when the State Government had ordered a total ban on any land transactions and issuance of Sale Deed, Title Deed registration, Khata transfer and other land records in respect of Kurubarahalli Survey No.4 lands and how the MCC had blindly fixed Property Tax for the said landed property.

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ಸಂ:ಪುಸಹೆಕೋ/ಎಸ್.ಎಫ್.ಸಿ/ಮಸಸಾನಿ **2020–21/ಜೆಇ/ಪಿಆರ್/03/2020–21** ದಿ:**01.01.2021**

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(ಇ–ಪ್ರಕ್ಯೂರ್‌ಮೆಂಟ್ ಪೋರ್ಟಲ್ ಮೂಲಕ)

ಹೆಚ್.ಡಿ.ಕೋಟೆ ಪುರಸಭಾ ವ್ಯಾಪ್ತಿಯಲ್ಲಿ 2020–21ನೇ ಸಾಲಿಗೆ ನಿಗಧಿಯಾಗಿರುವ ಎಸ್.ಎಫ್.ಸಿ ಹಾಗೂ ಪುರಸಭಾ ಸಾಮಾನ್ಯ ಅನುದಾನದ ಶೇ 24.10, ಶೇ 7.25 ಹಾಗೂ ಶೇ 5ರ ಕಾರ್ಯಕ್ರಮಗಳಡಿ ಮತ್ತು 2017–18ನೇ ಸಾಲಿನ ಎಸ್.ಎಫ್.ಸಿ ಕುಡಿಯುವ ನೀರು ಪರಿಹಾರ ನಿಧಿ ಯೋಜನೆಯಡಿ ಈ ಕೆಳಕಂಡ ಕಾಮಗಾರಿಗಳನ್ನು ನಿರ್ವಹಿಸಲು ಲೋಕೋಪಯೋಗಿ ಇಲಾಖೆಯಲ್ಲಿ ಚಾಲ್ತಿ ಸಾಲಿಗೆ ನೊಂದಾಯಿತ 4ನೇ ದರ್ಜೆ ಹಾಗೂ ಮೇಲ್ಪಟ್ಟ ಅರ್ಹ ಸಿವಿಲ್ ಗುತ್ತಿಗೆದಾರರಿಂದ K.W-1ರ ನಿಯಮಗಳ ಅನ್ವಯ ಹಾಗೂ 1999 ಹಾಗೂ 2000ರ ಪಾರದರ್ಶಕ ಕಾಯ್ದೆಗೆ ಒಳಪಟ್ಟು ಪ್ರತ್ಯೇಕವಾಗಿ ಟೆಂಡರನ್ನು ಆಹ್ವಾನಿಸಲಾಗಿದೆ. ಆಸಕ್ತಿಯುಳ್ಳ ಗುತ್ತಿಗೆದಾರರು ಕಾಮಗಾರಿಗಳನ್ನು ಇ–ಪ್ರೊಕ್ಯುರ್‌ಮೆಂಟ್ ಪೋರ್ಟಲ್‌ನ http://eproc.karnataka.nic.in ನಿಂದ ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಷರತ್ತು ಹಾಗೂ ದಾಸ್ತಾವೇಜನ್ನು ಡೌನ್‌ಲೋಡ್ ಮಾಡಿಕೊಂಡು ಆನ್‌ಲೈನ್ ಮುಖಾಂತರ ಟೆಂಡರ್‌ಗಳನ್ನು ಸಲ್ಲಿಸಬಹುದು.

1) ಟೆಂಡರ್‌ನ್ನು ಸಲ್ಲಿಸಲು ಕಡೆಯ ದಿ: 19.01.2021, ಸಂಜೆ 5.30 ಗಂಟೆಯವರೆಗೆ. 2) ಟೆಂಡರ್ ತೆರೆಯುವ ದಿ: 21.01.2021ರ ಬೆಳಿಗ್ಗೆ 11.30 ಗಂಟೆಗೆ ಅಥವಾ ಮುಂದೆ ಸೂಚಿಸುವ ದಿನಾಂಕದಂದು ತೆರೆಯಲಾಗುವುದು.

ಕ್ರ.ಸಂ.: 01 ವಿವರ: **DMA/2020-21/OW/WORK_INDENT111222** ಅಂದಾಜು ಮೊತ್ತ (ರೂ.ಲಕ್ಷಗಳಲ್ಲಿ): 5.00 ಇ.ಎಂ.ಡಿ. ಮೊತ್ತ (ರೂ.ಗಳಲ್ಲಿ): 12,500/– ಗುತ್ತಿಗೆದಾರರ ದರ್ಜೆ: 4ನೇ ದರ್ಜೆ ಹಾಗೂ ಮೇಲ್ಪಟ್ಟು, ಕಾಲಾವಧಿ (ಮಳೆಗಾಲವನ್ನು ಹೊರತುಪಡಿಸಿ): 04 ತಿಂಗಳು

ಕ್ರ.ಸಂ.: 02 ವಿವರ: **DMA/2020-21/OW/WORK_INDENT111221** ಅಂದಾಜು ಮೊತ್ತ (ರೂ.ಲಕ್ಷಗಳಲ್ಲಿ): 1.16 ಇ.ಎಂ.ಡಿ. ಮೊತ್ತ (ರೂ.ಗಳಲ್ಲಿ): 2,920/– ಗುತ್ತಿಗೆದಾರರ ದರ್ಜೆ: 4ನೇ ದರ್ಜೆ ಹಾಗೂ ಮೇಲ್ಪಟ್ಟು ಕಾಲಾವಧಿ (ಮಳೆಗಾಲವನ್ನು ಹೊರತುಪಡಿಸಿ): 04 ತಿಂಗಳು

ಕ್ರ.ಸಂ.: 03 ವಿವರ: **DMA/2020-21/OW/WORK_INDENT111220** ಅಂದಾಜು ಮೊತ್ತ (ರೂ.ಲಕ್ಷಗಳಲ್ಲಿ): 1.97 ಇ.ಎಂ.ಡಿ. ಮೊತ್ತ (ರೂ.ಗಳಲ್ಲಿ): 4,925/– ಗುತ್ತಿಗೆದಾರರ ದರ್ಜೆ: 4ನೇ ದರ್ಜೆ ಹಾಗೂ ಮೇಲ್ಪಟ್ಟು ಕಾಲಾವಧಿ (ಮಳೆಗಾಲವನ್ನು ಹೊರತುಪಡಿಸಿ): 04 ತಿಂಗಳು

ಕ್ರ.ಸಂ.: 04 ವಿವರ: **DMA/2020-21/OW/WORK_INDENT111084** ಅಂದಾಜು ಮೊತ್ತ (ರೂ.ಲಕ್ಷಗಳಲ್ಲಿ): 4.99 ಇ.ಎಂ.ಡಿ. ಮೊತ್ತ (ರೂ.ಗಳಲ್ಲಿ): 12,500/– ಗುತ್ತಿಗೆದಾರರ ದರ್ಜೆ: ಅಧಿಕೃತ ತಯಾರಕರು/ ಮಾರಾಟಗಾರರು. ಕಾಲಾವಧಿ (ಮಳೆಗಾಲವನ್ನು ಹೊರತುಪಡಿಸಿ): 04 ತಿಂಗಳು

ಸೂಚನೆ: 1) ಕಾರಣಾಂತರಗಳಿಂದ ಮೇಲೆ ತಿಳಿಸಿದ ಟೆಂಡರ್ ದಿನಾಂಕಗಳು ಹಾಗೂ ಇತರೆ ಬದಲಾವಣೆಗಳಾದಲ್ಲಿ ದಿನಪತ್ರಿಕೆಗಳಲ್ಲಿ ಪ್ರಕಟಿಸಲಾಗುವುದಿಲ್ಲ ಇ–ಪ್ರಕ್ಯೂರ್‌ಮೆಂಟ್ ಪೋರ್ಟಲ್‌ನಲ್ಲಿ ಸೂಚಿಸಲಾಗುವುದು. ಹೆಚ್ಚಿನ ವಿವರಗಳನ್ನು ಗುತ್ತಿಗೆದಾರರು http://eproc.karnataka.nic.in ಪೋರ್ಟಲ್‌ನಲ್ಲಿ ನೋಡಿಕೊಳ್ಳುವುದು. 2) ಕ್ರಮ ಸಂಖ್ಯೆ:01, 02 ಮತ್ತು 03ರ ಕಾಮಗಾರಿಗಳಿಗೆ 12% ಜಿ.ಎಸ್.ಟಿ ತೆರಿಗೆಯನ್ನು ಪ್ರತ್ಯೇಕವಾಗಿ ಕಾಮಗಾರಿಯ ಬಿಲ್ಲಿನಲ್ಲಿ ಸೇರಿಸಲಾಗುವುದು. 3) ಕ್ರಮ ಸಂಖ್ಯೆ:04ರ ಕಾಮಗಾರಿಗೆ ಜಿ.ಎಸ್.ಟಿ ಒಳಗೊಂಡಂತೆ ದರ ನಮೂದಿಸುವುದು.

ಸಹಿ/– ಅಧ್ಯಕ್ಷರು ಪುರಸಭೆ, ಹೆಚ್.ಡಿ.ಕೋಟೆ

ಸಹಿ/– ಉಪಾಧ್ಯಕ್ಷರು ಪುರಸಭೆ, ಹೆಚ್.ಡಿ.ಕೋಟೆ

ಸಹಿ/– ಮುಖ್ಯಾಧಿಕಾರಿ ಪುರಸಭೆ, ಹೆಚ್.ಡಿ.ಕೋಟೆ

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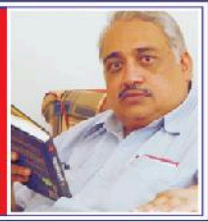
Over a cup of evening Tea



By Dr. K. Javeed Nayeem, MD

The Irwin Road Imbroglio

The very short but undoubtedly the most important and busiest stretch of the **Irwin Road** that runs across the main business hub of our city is now thankfully open to traffic, although I cannot say for how long it will remain so. I say this because with some more widening works yet to be taken up there and which have been held up due to some very weird legal wrangles, the road is very likely to be closed once again.

If this happens it will make its closure the third one in two years although anyone vested with some common sense will tell you that the entire widening operation could have been done without closing the entire road completely for months together, had some similar common sense prevailed in all those who planned and carried out the widening operation.

Although there were two well-matched groups of citizens who stood for and against its widening, I stand with all those who felt that its widening was necessary to ease the flow of traffic. But I was aghast at the way the operation was carried out, keeping the road closed for months together without the slightest thought to keeping its alternate parallel roads free from obstacles, at least during that period.

Even as things stand now, these parallel roads with their abject lack of upkeep and the flourishing petty businesses which spill on to almost the middle of the road, are the best examples of how any city road should not be. It is a 'no holds barred and no questions asked' part of our city where sadly no one dares to ask any questions — neither the citizens nor the law-makers!

Moreover, the Irwin Road widening work was started in great haste even as many legal hurdles were still unresolved, which interrupted the smoothness of the operation, delaying it needlessly. The whole process could have been taken up in one go if only the authorities had taken care to iron out all hurdles beforehand. The residents and shop-keepers of that road and all the areas adjacent to it together with the COVID-19 effect, undoubtedly suffered the longest lockdown of us all, bearing much hardship in their daily lives and great losses in their businesses.

Along with them also suffered thousands of the patients who used to go to the many nursing homes and diagnostic centres along that road for their health problems. On many occasions we could see many of them even being carried by their relatives in their eagerness and anxiety to get them treated. This kind of thoughtless cruelty could have been avoided if only the authorities had carried out their work only by night, keeping the road open by day. This experiment they did try on the request of citizens with a good deal of success but sadly only for a very brief spell. Why their kindness did not last long is unknown.

Coming back to the present state, since the now widened road has enough room to provide some parking space for vehicles, the authorities would do well to provide parking arrangements on one side on even dates and on the other side on odd dates so that people who go there for their shopping and more importantly their medical needs are not put to inconvenience. **It must be borne in mind that for all those who have to visit this area there is absolutely no parking space anywhere nearby which is why creating it on Irwin Road itself is a must.**

And, if the all too real fear of this parking space being perpetually occupied by shopkeepers or residents themselves has to be addressed, the best option is to introduce paid parking arrangements as has been successfully done in Bengaluru. When it can work there with admirable smoothness even in the busiest and narrowest roads like Brigade Road and Commercial Street, there is no reason why it should not work here too.

There seems to be a very powerful lobby of vested interests here in Mysuru that has been successfully stalling the introduction of paid parking in some of the areas that need it most like the busy Ashoka Road and Devaraj Urs Road where all day long we see desperate people going round in circles to find a place to park for just a few minutes of their essential shopping. And very sadly, there seems to be an equally pliable and obliging group among our authorities who have been buckling to this selfish lobby and failing to put their foot down to cure the rot that has been crying for a cure over more than a decade.

Yes, it has been almost a decade since one of our former Corporation Commissioners proclaimed very proudly and loudly too that automated parking meters have already been purchased and that they would be installed and made operational very soon. **But nothing has happened although many people have come, sat on and vacated that holy chair as if in a children's game of musical chairs!**

Is this not a very shameful mockery of administrative authority and does it not smack of its ineptitude in doing something very elementary? If it does not, can someone in the administration tell us why we are being denied this simple remedy to our parking woes?

Our newspapers regularly carry letters from citizens highlighting the pathetic situation in the city and yet nothing seems to be changing. Now it is certainly time for suffering citizens to cast away their mantle of tolerance and firmly prevail upon all those whose responsibility it is to provide us all some much-needed succour and see that we get it. **Mind you, if we continue to wait and watch, we will continue to wait and watch helplessly, for all time to come!**

A Slightly Sad New Year's Eve

Since I am not a partying man or a New Year's Eve celebrator, I have welcomed every New Year's Eve from the tranquillity of my home with my family, never ever having attended a New Year party in my life! But I do not decry those who make the coming of the New Year a big or even boisterous event. It is their way of welcoming an event what they feel is going to make a very great difference to their lives.

But this year, because of the COVID-19 threat, the Government put the lid down firmly on all kinds of New Year partying, to contain the possibility of a spurt in the cases which is an understandable precaution. But as I was driving around the city, a full two hours before midnight on New Year's Eve, I saw our Police personnel urging all business establishments to pull down their shutters.

The sad part is that small cafes and ice-cream shops that were just giving take away parcels too were made to stop their sales although people were eagerly trying to buy what they or their little children wanted as a small treat to remember the arrival of the New Year.

I saw a couple of disappointed tiny-tots going away in tears because the cops at the last moment prevented the ice-cream shop from giving them their ice-cream. This seemed like a rather sadistic thing to do and a miscarriage of law enforcement on a people's special day. **Cannot our laws be tempered with a little more kindness so that it shows their enforcers in a little kindlier light to our little children?**

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Financier found dead in lodge

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Lodge employees immediately informed Mandi Police Station and Inspector Narayanaswamy rushed to the spot.

Financial distress?

In the death note, it has been mentioned that one Manjunath, Girish and four others had abused Umashankar for not repaying the loan taken from them. "Disturbed deeply by the abuses, we are committing suicide," mentioned the note. Though it looked like the couple had taken a joint decision of ending lives and a suicide note was written and signed, Kavitha was found missing from the scene.

Phone location

When Cops examined CCTV footages of the lodge, Kavitha was found sneaking out of the lodge room at 5 am yesterday. The car has been parked in front of the lodge and when Police called Kavitha's mobile number, there was no response. Later, the phone was switched off.

Police then checked the tower location of the mobile and it was found to be near Chennapatna. Police informed Kavitha's parents and daughter in Jayanagar and they told Police that the couple shared a cordial relationship.

Police are investigating in all angles including the financial deals of Umashankar. His death has baffled the Police and the way his wife stepped out of the lodge in the cover of darkness leads to a lot of suspicion, a Police officer said. As a nurse, Kavitha very well knew that excess dose of insulin can be fatal.

A lot of questions before Police

"We are investigating in detail into the death. If the couple had decided to end life, who administered insulin to Umashankar, did he do it himself or did his wife do? Why did Kavitha back off from the suicide pact? Did she fear death? Why she failed to inform her parents about Umashankar's death though her parents lived in Mysuru? Where did she go after coming out of the lodge at 5 am? We are closely tracking Kavitha's movements," said a Police officer.

As her mobile tower location has been found in Chennapatna, the Police are probing if she had established contact with anyone else. Probe is on to determine the manner in which Kavitha reached Chennapatna from the Old RMC Yard lodge. Her call records are being examined and enquiry is on with her parents and daughter for more clues, the officer added.

DCP Dr. A.N. Prakash Gowda, Narasimharaja Sub-Division ACP M. Shivashankar visited the lodge. A case has been registered at Mandi Police Station.

With bags in hand, Ex-Servicemen clean Chamundi Hill steps

Mysuru, Jan. 3 (RKB&BCT)- Keeping in view the on-going nationwide 'Swachh Bharat Abhiyaan,' members of Mysuru Ex-Servicemen Movement organised a 'Shram Daan' this morning where they cleaned the 1,008 steps of Chamundi Hill that leads to Sri Chamundeshwari Temple.

Armed with huge carry bags, the ex-servicemen assembled at the foot of Chamundi Hill at around 6.15 am and started the cleaning campaign at 7 am. More than 100 former defence personnel were part of the campaign and interestingly, seeing them cleaning the surroundings, people who had come for morning walk too joined hands with them.

Over 25 cadets from Sainik Academy Mysuru, who have been selected to the Indian Army also pitched in. The cleaning campaign yielded over 25 bags of empty bottles, plastic bags and cups and discarded footwear. The defence personnel were split into teams and they wore tracksuits, masks and hand gloves.

One of the main objectives of Mysuru Ex-Servicemen Movement is to serve the society by taking up community service and today's cleaning campaign was part of the community service.

The campaign was inaugurated by Chamarajanagar Additional Deputy Commissioner C.L. Ananda, who himself is an Army Veteran. Group Captain Ajay Dudeja (Retd), who is a former Commanding Officer and President of Air Force Selection Board, Mysuru, President of VeKare Ex-servicemen Trust and Honorary Legal Advisor of Mysuru Ex-servicemen Movement Mandetira N. Subramani, Administrative Officer of NCC Group Headquarters Colonel V. Srinivas, President of Mysuru Ex-servicemen Movement Prince, Secretary C.M. Sridhar and Patron V. Mahesh and others were present.

Addressing the gathering before the cleaning campaign, C.L. Ananda complimented the Mysuru Ex-servicemen Movement for doing nation-building activities. "Many retired defence personnel find it difficult to adapt themselves to the mainstream society after being in nation's service for years. Though there are many welfare organisations and movements for the welfare of ex-servicemen, there is a need for a united front so that one voice can be raised," he said.

He urged the ex-servicemen to provide good education to their children and motivate them to take up challenging careers in Armed Forces which would make them lead a disciplined life besides serving the nation.

War Memorial not yet realised

Mandetira Subramani said that though a proposal has been submitted to Mysuru District Administration in the year 2000 to build a War Memorial in Mysuru, it has not yet been realised.

He claimed that the land for construction of a Grand War Memorial was earmarked during the year 2000 itself as per his proposal in the vacant land in front of NCC Group Headquarters, Mysuru, by the then Deputy Commissioner Dr. B. Basavaraju. He regretted that the War Memorial is yet to see the light of the day despite a lapse of two decades except for some news appearing once in a while in the media.

"C.L. Ananda, who was the Assistant Commissioner of Mysuru, who himself had served in the Army for 15 years, took up the cause and completed the necessary process and through the District Administration had sent the proposal to the State Government and Rs. 1.41 crore was earmarked. After this, nothing much has happened," Subramani added.

New Chief Secretary

P. Ravi Kumar visits Chamundi Temple

New State Chief Secretary P. Ravi Kumar seen at Chamundeshwari Temple atop Chamundi Hill this morning.

P. Ravi Kumar

Mysuru, Jan.3 (MTY&DM)- New Chief Secretary (CS) of State P. Ravi Kumar, who took over from T.M. Vijayabhaskar upon his retirement on Dec.31, 2020, visited the famed Chamundeshwari Temple atop Chamundi hill here this morning along with his family members.

Ravi Kumar, who arrived in city yesterday afternoon, went to Chamundi Hill along with his wife and son in his official car, sans any police escort. After parking his vehicle at the parking lot, Ravi Kumar walked to the temple located at a distance of about 600 mts from the parking lot. Mysuru Tahsildar Rakshit, Chamundeshwari Temple Executive Officer Yathiraj Sampathkumaran, Assistant Executive Officer Govindaraj and other officials who stood waiting to receive the CS in front of the temple, were perplexed to see the CS walking up to the temple without any escort. Soon they rushed to the CS and offered him a 'Poornakumbha' welcome.

After offering prayers to the deity, Ravi Kumar walked back to his official vehicle and left the Hill. Enroute, he is said to have stopped at all the view points for a couple of minutes and enjoyed the beautiful view of the city from the Hill top.

The Chief Secretary's simplicity and humbleness drew widespread praise from people atop the hill, at a time when smaller officials, politicians and other dignitaries of lesser significance choose to drive straight close to the temple in their vehicles.

After returning from Chamundi Hill, Ravi Kumar held a meeting with top officials of the district administration at the Administrative Training Institute (ATI) on Lalitha Mahal Palace Road and is said to have discussed a wide ranging issues concerning the district. The meeting was attended by DC Rohini Sindhuri, ZP CEO B.A. Paramesh, Regional Commissioner G.C. Prakash, MCC Commissioner Gurudatta Hedge, City Police Commissioner Dr. Chandragupta and SP C.B. Ryshyanth.

This meeting was followed by another meeting at the same venue, which was attended by Assistant Commissioner Dr. Venkataraju, Joint Director of Industries Department Lingaraju, Assistant Labour Commissioner Thammanna and other officials. Upon his arrival in the city yesterday, the CS had held a meeting at ATI with top officials from all Departments to discuss the measures taken and need to be done for effective tackling of COVID-19 crisis.

Chief Secretary P. Ravi Kumar chairing a meeting at ATI in city this morning as MCC Commissioner Gurudatta Hegde, SP C.B. Ryshyanth, City Police Commissioner Dr. Chandragupta, Regional Commissioner G.C. Prakash and ZP CEO B.A. Paramesh look on.

Interview with K. Annamalai, cop-turned-politician

BJP will come to power in Tamil Nadu in 2026

Dravidian ideology is dying in TN

People of Karnataka were happy and sad when an IPS Officer quit Police force and joined politics. They were happy that they can expect cleansing of political field. But they were sad that an upright officer is being swayed away due to strong current of politics. He is none other than Kuppusamy Annamalai, a former Karnataka cadre IPS Officer who had earned the nickname 'Singham' for taking on political bigwigs while working as SP in Udupi and Chikmagalur. He is now Tamil Nadu State BJP Unit Vice-President. During his recent visit to Mysuru, *Star of Mysore* caught up with the cop-turned-politician to know his plans in a relatively new field. Excerpts. —Ed

By Shyam Sundar Vattam

Star of Mysore (SOM): How has been your journey from Police force to political force?

K.Annamalai: In politics, it is working in grassroots level by virtue of power. Otherwise both are beautiful jobs. I had the privilege of finding out solutions to problems and interacting with people. But, for a person like me it is starting from zero and then growing in my way up.

Mine has been an interesting journey. I do not see any difference between politicians and bureaucrats. The bureaucrats normally look at the things white and black. Whereas, politicians work in grey areas because they are aware where the problem exists. But it was a biggest challenge for me to make changes in Police force where I had power.

SOM: The Assembly polls are due to be held in Tamil Nadu in 2021. How is your party prepared?

Annamalai: We have prepared very strongly well in the last one to two years. Yatras are being conducted to show our party presence in the State. We have strengthened our booth committees in villages and talking to our big leaders. A big ground level momentum is slowly building. When we see everything holistically and combinedly, this time, the BJP should make it up in Tamil Nadu without any problem.

Coming to me, sometimes we have to be practical also. Our primary focus is getting more number of seats and coming to power. The BJP will come to power in Tamil Nadu in 2026.

SOM: How are you so confident about it?

Annamalai: Every ideology has got a cycle of its own. The Dravidian ideology is almost a dying ideology in Tamil Nadu. And more than ideology it is cult figures like Annadurai, M. Karunanidhi and Dr. J. Jayalalithaa who had their own ideology and principles that attracted the masses. Now, we don't have them. In current situation, Prime Minister Narendra Modi is a very tall leader and all-time highly respected national leader. The combined effort will help the BJP to come to power.

SOM: Can BJP make a dent in TN politics, this time?

Annamalai: Of course. Why can't we? I don't see any reason why it can't be achieved. However, we need to understand that it cannot happen overnight though several factors are contributing for it. Some factors are created for you and some are created for party per se. Our party is really growing strong under the leadership of Modi. Combining everything... yes, BJP is all set to lay its foundation very strong in the coming Assembly and 2024 Lok Sabha polls. And it will go and take power on its own.

SOM: People of Tamil Nadu are known for self-pride or asmita and have always stood for nationalism. They have considered BJP as party of traders. Will your party be accepted?

Annamalai: I am afraid you are mistaken. BJP is never seen like that in Tamil Nadu. BJP is a pan-India party and a nationalist party. You will be surprised that a Tamilian, Jana Krishnamurthy had occupied the post of BJP National President. It is not that Tamilians do not occupy high posts, or they weren't there. Modi is very fond of Tamils and you might have seen in TV when our PM spoke a few sentences in Tamil on an international platform like United Nations. The allegation that 'BJP is a party of traders' will not hold water anymore.

SOM: TN history shows that no alliance partner of two major regional parties, DMK and AIADMK, has come to power. Will the BJP prove wrong in the coming Assembly election?

Annamalai: Right or wrong, people give majority to one party. When you are in coalition, one party gets majority and it will come to power. Last time, when DMK came to power in 2006, they were in minority. They hadn't got even 50 percent of votes. And history can always be re-written. Just wait and see what people wanted to say and voice out, after election results are out. Then it will be the best time to answer your question.

SOM: BJP's vote share in previous elections has not been promising. Will your party prove wrong this time?

Annamalai: In TN Municipal elections, you've seen the BJP's superb cyclical change. From a non-existent, our party won 46 seats. And in West Bengal, we are seeing a lot of momentum shift. I believe in momentum shifts and it will happen now. And this time, we will be in double digits.

SOM: BJP only talks of Hindutva. Is this accepted in Tamil Nadu which was the focal point of Dravidian movement?

Annamalai: Which party never talked of Hindutva? And which party is not going to talk about Hindutva? Only thing is that BJP talks of spirituality. The reason why BJP is strengthening its base in Tamil Nadu is that no party is talking about Hindutva as all are busy in appeasement politics. Congress and DMK have always played minority appeasement card just to keep their vote-bank intact. But they will criticise us if we talk about a Hindu or Hindutva. Those who talked about Hindutva are deliberately targeted. That is why the BJP want to be their voice. Our party is never against Muslim community or other community. Why we should not talk about Hindutva? But the media conveniently labels BJP as a majoritarian party or RSS as a propagator of Hindutva.

SOM: What strategy BJP will adopt to make inroads into TN politics?

Annamalai: We will have different strategies and one among them has been winning election. We have four advantages — good organisation, strong candidates, good election management and an able national leader like Narendra Modi. Seeing all these factors, why should not the electorate give us a chance to rule?

SOM: Will you contest Assembly election. If so, from which Constituency?

Annamalai: Clearly it is our leadership decision. If they want me to contest I will. I do not know whether they wanted me to contest in the coming Assembly election. If at all I am contesting, it will be from Coimbatore or Karur.

SOM: Another Tamil actor, Kamal Haasan has formed a new political party and has been campaigning to contest in the coming Assembly election. He is also planning to align with All India Majlis-e-Ittehadul Muslimeen (AIMIM)? Which votes he will take away?

Annamalai: Well I don't know. AIMIM has never contested election in TN. All said and done anybody can enter our State and contest. I am not sure how Haasan's party will fare in the State.

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SOM: The 2021 election is being held without two iconic figures, M. Karunanidhi and Dr. J. Jayalalithaa, who both had swayed the electors. How do you read the situation?

Annamalai: Yes, definitely the voters of Tamil Nadu are going to miss these two leaders. Though I may belong to a different political outfit but still have a lot of respect for those two leaders. Both have contributed to the State in their own way. But the problem is that the DMK party of late Karunanidhi, which was founded in 1957, no longer remains clean due to corruption. DMK is a populist party in nature by distributing freebies to the electorates. So BJP in alliance is going to be more on aspirations part, what PM Modi has done and what coalition partner (AIADMK) is going to do for the State in the coming months.

India's vaccine wait is over

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Hailing the scientific community, Prime Minister Narendra Modi tweeted, "It would make every Indian proud that the two vaccines that have been given emergency use approval are made in India. This shows the eagerness of our scientific community to fulfil the dream of an Aatmanirbhar Bharat, at the root of which is care and compassion."

"We reiterate our gratitude to doctors, medical staff, scientists, Police personnel, sanitation workers and all Corona warriors for the outstanding work done, that too in adverse circumstances. We will remain eternally grateful to them for saving many lives," another tweet from PM Modi read.

Pune-based Serum Institute, the Drug Controller said, has submitted safety, immunogenicity and efficacy data of over 73,000 participants and found 70.42 percent efficacy. The firm is conducting Phase 2 and Phase 3 trials on 1,600 participants in India. They submitted data of trials abroad also. Recommendation was made for restricted use and the trials will continue, Somani added.

Bharat Biotech's Covaxin is conducting trials in collaboration with the Indian Council of Medical Research, the Drug Controller said. Phase I and Phase II trials were conducted in around 800 subjects and the results demonstrated that the vaccine is safe and provides a robust immune response. The Phase III trial was initiated in India in 25,800 volunteers and till date, 22,500 participants have been vaccinated.

After adequate examination, the Central Drugs Standard controller (CDSCO) has decided to accept the recommendations of the expert committee and accordingly vaccines of SII and Bharat Biotech for restricted use in emergency situations, said Somani.

He added that the subject expert committee of the CDSCO consists of domain knowledge experts from the fields of pulmonology, immunology, microbiology, pharmacology, paediatrics, internal medicine, among others.

"The Subject Expert Committee (SEC) has reviewed the data on safety and immunogenicity of the vaccine and recommended for grant of permission for restricted use in emergency situation in public interest as an abundant precaution, in clinical trial mode, to have more options for vaccinations, especially in case of infection by mutant strains. The clinical trial on-going within the country by the firm will continue," the Health Ministry said in a statement.

"Happy new year, everyone! All the risks @SerumInstIndia took with stockpiling the vaccine have finally paid off. COVISHIELD, India's first COVID-19 vaccine is approved, safe, effective and ready to roll-out in the coming weeks," Serum Institute chief Adar Poonawalla tweeted.

Vaccine will be available soon for mass inoculation: Dr. Sudhakar

Bengaluru, Jan. 3 (SSV)- The much-awaited COVID-19 vaccine will be available very soon, said Health and Medical Education Minister Dr. K. Sudhakar.

Dr. K. Sudhakar

Speaking to media here yesterday, he said that the vaccination dry run has helped to train the staff and the vaccine would be available very soon for mass inoculation. Regular meetings have been conducted with hospitals to prepare for the vaccination drive. All Corona Warriors would be administered vaccine in the first phase free of cost. Centre would issue detailed guidelines and Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs) for vaccination. All necessary infrastructure like cold storage, logistics, manpower are being arranged. "We will use the existing infrastructure and Centre will augment the additional infrastructure," he added.

Dr. Sudhakar said that 10 UK returnees in the State have been detected with new strain of virus. "All of them were being treated and isolated in Government Hospitals. The infection was not severe in any of them," he added.

Advocate allegedly murdered near Maddur

Body found in Shimsha River

Maddur, Jan. 3 (Manju&KS)- Miscreants allegedly murdering an advocate and throwing the body into Shimsha River between Halehalli and Navile village has been reported on Saturday.

Ravindra

The deceased is Ravindra (45), a resident of Navile village and an advocate at Maddur Court since 15 years.

It is learnt that Ravindra, on Saturday, left house to his agricultural field at about 7.30 am on his bike and as he did not return home even after sunset, his wife called him over his mobile phone only to receive the message that the phone was switched off.

The panicked family members, who began to search for Ravindra, found his bike and heap of green leaves kept nearby for goats, but could not trace Ravindra. Meanwhile, following information from a villager that a body was found in Shimsha River, the villagers, who rushed near the river between Halehalli and Navile village, found the body of Ravindra naked with his head smashed with a boulder. A boulder was placed on the face when found and his slippers and damaged mobile phone was found nearby.

Malavalli Dy.SP M.J. Pruthvi, Maddur Circle Inspector K.R. Prasad and staff visited the spot and conducted preliminary enquiry besides shifting the body to Maddur Government Hospital.

A case has been registered at Kesthur Police Station.

Obituary

K.V. Narasimhaswamy

Mysuru, Jan. 3 - K.V. Narasimhaswamy (78), retired Principal of Government First Grade College at Kolar and a resident of 4th Main, 26th Cross at Vidyaranyapuram in Mysuru, passed away this morning in city.

He leaves behind his wife, a son, two daughters and a host of relatives and friends.

Last rites were performed at the foot of Chamundi Hill today, according to family sources.

SOUTH WESTERN RAILWAY

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South Western Railway, Mysuru Division, proposes to engage full time Medical Practitioners (Specialists) and GDMO on contract basis for SWR, Mysuru Division, Mysuru for a period of **one year or less or till regular incumbent joins** whichever is earlier subject to following terms and conditions.

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2) Age : i) For Open Market Candidate : Should not have completed more than 50 years as on 01.01.2021. ii) For Retired Railway Doctors / Retired State Government Medical Officers : Upto the age of 65 years reckoned on 01.01.2021.

3) No. of Vacancies : GDMO & CMP (Specialist) : Total-02 Posts. **4) Place at which service required :** Railway Hospital, Mysuru. **5) Venue and Date of Walk-In-Interview :** Office of the Senior Divisional Personnel Officer, 1st Floor, DRM Office, Irwin Road, Mysuru.

6) Honorarium : i) For Open Market Candidates : GDMO : Rs. 75,000/- Per month fixed less statutory deduction. ii) For Open Market Candidates : CMP (Specialists) : Rs. 95,000/- per month fixed less statutory deduction for one year. iii) For Retired Railway Doctors / Retired Govt. Medical Officers of State Government : Fixed remuneration of Rs. 46,000/- per month (Subject to the condition that remuneration + pension drawn by retired railway doctors / retired govt. medical officers of State Government should not exceed the last pay drawn).

Date & Time of Walk-In-Interview : **21.01.2021 (Thursday) from 11.00 hrs onwards upto 17:00 hrs.**

For details log on: **http://www.swr.indianrailways.gov.in**

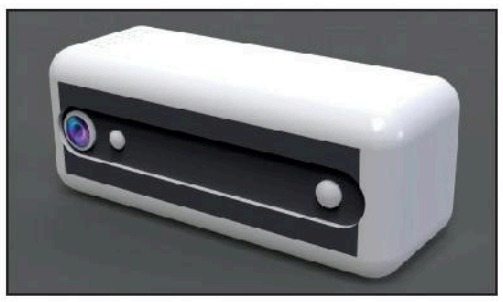
Senior Divisional Personnel Officer
PUB/231/AAAL/PRB/SWR/2020-21 **Mysuru**

Managing Coronavirus in Schools and Universities

International scientists with UoM to come up with novel device

Mysuru, Jan. 3- University of Mysore Vice-Chancellor Prof. G. Hemantha Kumar and Research Scholar Dr. Naveen Mourya are teaming up with international scientists Vishal Dineshkumar Soni from the Department of Information Technology, Campbellsville University and Dr. Syed Baker, Krasnoyarsk State Medical University, Russia, to address the management strategy of COVID-19 at Universities and Schools.

Vishal Soni



The team is coming up with Novel Social Distancing Device. This device is intended to be used in the classrooms at educational institutions around the world. With COVID-19 breaking its own records with each passing day, the device is a marvel of scientific excellence and it is backed by the principles of thermal sensing and artificial intelligence. Vishal Dineshkumar Soni, one of the three co-inventors of this device, while talking about its features and benefits, said: "The device is completely automatic and it will not only be monitoring the social distance between students in a classroom, but its thermal sensing ability will also be helpful to identify tentative suspects infected by COVID-19."

In addition, this device also features an in-built Wi-Fi, and it will automatically notify the authorities if a violation occurs in any classroom. Moreover, it is very cost-effective.

COVID-19 spreads mainly among people who are in close contact (within about 6 feet) for a prolonged period, and schools, colleges or universities bear the highest risk of transmission.

Prof. Hemantha Kumar is working on enhancing the device to meet the standards of Indian Schools and Universities. He will be leading the concept to work in South Indian Schools and Universities.

The entire team consist of inventor Vishal Dineshkumar Soni, co-inventor Ankit Narendrakumar Soni, renowned scientist from Karimnagar Dr. Karunakar Pothuganti, along with Russian scientist Dr. Syed Baker.

The device is expected to be very handy in managing COVID-19 in schools which has been one of the critical situation faced by the Governing bodies.

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Applications will be accepted **ONLINE ONLY**. Facility for Online application will be available **from 04.01.2021 to 22.01.2021**. For detailed information and online submission of application, please visit the website **www.recruit.barc.gov.in**

SWR Mysuru Division to run MEMU and DEMU passenger trains from tomorrow

Mysuru, Jan. 3- South Western Railway (SWR), Mysuru Division, has decided to run the following MEMU and DEMU unreserved train services over Mysuru division with effect from 4.1.2021 and up to until further advice.

The MEMU and DEMU trains run six days a week except Sunday. Passengers are appealed to strictly follow all norms of State and Central Government regarding COVID-19 in the trains and at Railway Stations. Other precautions associated with COVID-19 should also be ensured.

The details of MEMU and DEMU trains are as follows:

1. Train No. 06255 KSR Bengaluru - Mysuru MEMU will have a composition of 16 CARS. Departure KSR Bengaluru at 19.00 hrs and arrives in Mysuru at 22.10 hrs.

Enroute the train will have commercial stoppages at Krishnadevaraya Halt, Nayandahalli, Jnana Bharati, Kengeri, Hejjala, Bidadi, Ketohalli Halt, Ramanagara, Channapatna, Settihalli, Nidaghatta Halt, Maddur, Hanakere, Mandya, Yeliyur, Byadarahalli, Chandagiri Koppal Halt, Pandavapura, Srirangapatna and Naganahalli.

2. Train No. 06256 Mysuru - KSR Bengaluru MEMU will have a composition of 16 CARS. Departure Mysuru at 06.10 hrs and arrives in KSR Bengaluru at 09.15 hrs.

Enroute the train will have commercial stoppages at Naganahalli, Srirangapatna, Pandavapura, Chandagiri Koppal Halt, Byadarahalli, Yeliyur, Mandya, Hanakere, Maddur, Nidaghatta Halt, Settihalli, Channapatna, Ramanagara, Ketohalli Halt, Bidadi, Hejjala, Kengeri, Jnana Bharati, Nayandahalli and Krishnadevaraya Halt.

Consequent upon the running of the above train with effect from 4.1.2021, the services of Train No. 06557/06558 Bangarpet-Mysuru-Bangarpet MEMU train is cancelled with effect from 4.1.2021.

3. Train No. 06257 KSR Bengaluru - Mysuru MEMU will have a composition of 16 CARS. Departure KSR Bengaluru at 09.20 hrs and arrives in Mysuru at 12.45 hrs.

Enroute the train will have commercial stoppages at Krishnadevaraya Halt, Nayandahalli, Jnana Bharati, Kengeri, Hejjala, Bidadi, Ketohalli Halt, Ramanagara, Channapatna, Settihalli, Nidaghatta Halt, Maddur, Hanakere, Mandya, Yeliyur, Byadarahalli, Chandagiri Koppal Halt, Pandavapura, Srirangapatna and Naganahalli.

4. Train No. 06258 Mysuru - KSR Bengaluru MEMU will have a composition of 16 CARS. Departure Mysuru at 13.45 hrs and arrives in KSR Bengaluru at 17.00 hrs.

Enroute the train will have commercial stoppages at Naganahalli, Srirangapatna, Pandavapura, Chandagiri Koppal Halt, Byadarahalli, Yeliyur, Mandya, Hanakere, Maddur, Nidaghatta Halt, Settihalli, Channapattana, Ramanagaram, Ketohalli Halt, Bidadi, Hejjala, Kengeri, Jnana Bharati, Nayandahalli and Krishnadevaraya Halt.

DEMU trains

5. Train No.06281 Yasvantpur - Hassan DEMU will have a composition of 8 CARS. Departure Yasvantpur at 09.40 hrs and arrives in Hassan at 13.00 hrs.

Enroute the train will have commercial stoppages at Chikbanavar, Soldevanahalli, Nelamangala, Solur, Thippasandra, Kunigal, Yediyuru, B.G.Nagar, Hirisave, Shravanabelagola, Channarayapatna, D. Samudravalli and Shantigrama.

6. Train No.06282 Hassan - Yasvantpur DEMU will have a composition of 8 CARS. Departure Hassan at 14.15 hrs and arrives in Yasvantpur at 18.20 hrs.

Enroute the train will have commercial stoppages at Shantigrama, D.Samudravalli, Channarayapatna, Shravanabelagola, Hirisave, B.G.Nagar, Yediyuru, Kunigal, Thippasandra, Solur, Nelamangala, Solevanahalli and Chikbanavar.

Consequent upon the running of the above train with effect from 4.1.2021, the services of Train No. 06579/06580 Yasvantpur-Hassan-Yasvantpur DEMU train is cancelled with effect from 4.1.2021.

7. Train No.06275 Yasvantpur - Arsikere DEMU will have a composition of 8 CARS. Departure Yasvantpur at 09.20 hrs and arrives in Arsikere at 13.00 hrs.

Enroute the train will have commercial stoppages at Chikbanavar, Soldevanahalli, Golhalli, Bhairanayakanahalli, Dodbele, Muddalinganahalli, Nidavanda, Dobbspet Halt, Hirehalli, Kyatsandra, Tumakuru, Heggere Halt, Mallasandra, Gubbi, Nittur, Sampige Road, Ammasandra, Banasandra, Aralaguppe Halt, Kardi, Banashankari Halt, Tiptur, Shri Sharada Nagar, Honnavalli Road and Adihalli.

8. Train No 06276 Arsikere - Yasvantpur DEMU will have a composition of 8 CARS. Departure Arsikere at 14.00 hrs and arrives in Yasvantpur at 17.45 hrs.

Enroute the train will have commercial stoppages at Adihalli, Honnavalli Road, Shri Sharada Nagar, Tiptur, Banashankari Halt, Kardi, Aralaguppe Halt, Banasandra, Ammasandra, Sampige Road, Nittur, Gubbi, Mallasandra, Heggere Halt, Tumakuru, Kyatsandra, Hirehalli, Dobbspet, Nidavanda, Muddalinganahalli, Dodbele, Bhairanayakanahalli, Golhalli, Soldevanahalli and Chikbanavar, according to a press release from the Divisional Commercial Manager and Sr. PRO, SWR Mysuru Division.

'I am a small person in a large party'

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SOM: Your Delhi leaders say no to alliance with AIADMK. In that case will BJP contest alone?

Annamalai: Nobody has said that. Union Minister Prakash Javadekar has said it is not up to him to talk about it as it was a matter privy to BJP high command and Central Parliamentary Board. So he has refused to comment but media has misunderstood it.

SOM: Will AIADMK split again after Sasikala Natarajan, a close aide of Jayalalithaa, comes out of jail?

Annamalai: I really can't comment. We have to wait till she comes out. Let us wait and see what will happen in AIADMK. Now it is difficult for me to comment.

SOM: Will she be a game-changer?

Annamalai: I don't think she will be a game-changer. But we have to wait and see what impact she will make in Tamil Nadu.

SOM: Are you enjoying or regretting for having quit Police Department to join politics?

Annamalai: I am enjoying. Because it is indeed a great feeling. Challenges are so huge especially in a State like Tamil Nadu. We have to work in grassroots level to strengthen the party. But I am enjoying. I am part of a larger cast. I am happily affiliated with it. I am a small person in the large party.

SOM: With what intentions you came into politics?

Annamalai: With the same intention which I had told earlier. I wanted to work in the grassroots level. Politics is like a large field where you can participate in policy-making and will have larger perspective to change law, frame policies and ensure social justice. For that reason I decided to join politics.

SOM: What were you doing after quitting Police force and before joining politics?

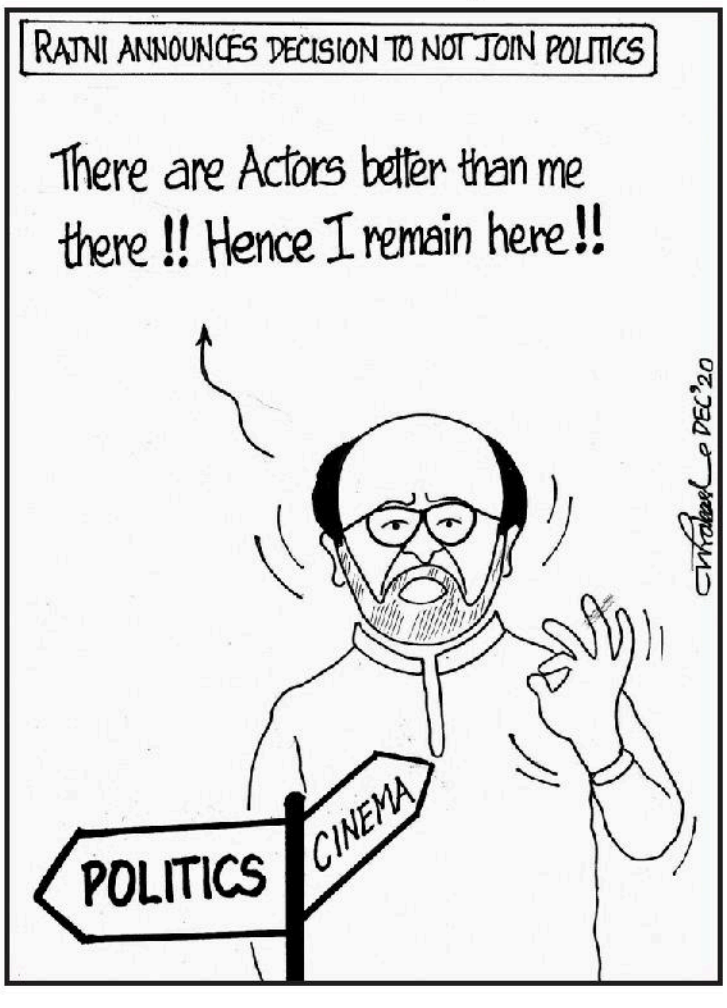
Annamalai: In Tamil Nadu, we have formed a foundation called 'We the Leader' in which over 6,500 youths are working in ten districts of the State. They are imparting training in organic farming and other social activities. Last year, I decided to join politics because it is a larger platform if you align with a good political party. There are two choices — if you don't like politics you can work as an ordinary person without any power. But, if you work in politics, you can bring in changes. Many people have sacrificed personal and professional life for the sake of society. To make change, one needs to be with a good mindset. I am not after any role or power but only interested to bring changes in TN with a large perspective.

SOM: Till recently, Tamil Superstar Rajinikanth wanted to plunge into politics but suddenly took a U-turn. Is BJP surprised or disappointed?

Annamalai: It's his personal decision not to get into electoral politics. He knows what is right for him and I respect him for that.

TEASER

By N. Prakash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EVENTS TODAY (JAN. 3)

- **New Crafts:** Silk India-2021, an exhibition-cum-sale of vast collections of handlooms, dress materials and sarees from across the country, Nanjaraj Bahadur Choultry, Vinoba Road, **up to 8.30 pm.**
- **JSS Mysore Urban Haat and Office of the Development Commissioner (Handlooms), Government of India, Ministry of Textiles, Cauvery Handlooms, Bengaluru and the Department of Handloom,Textiles and Commerce; INDEXT-c, Government of Gujarat:** Special Handloom Expo and Gujarat Handicrafts Utsav, JSS Mysore Urban Haat, Ring Road, Hebbal Industrial Area, **up to 9 pm.**
- **House and Festiworld:** Indian Art and Craft Expo, open ground, near Apollo Hospital, Maraleshwara Temple, Adichunchanagiri Road, Kuvempunagar, **up to 9.30 pm.**
- **Sri Ramadhama, Udayagiri:** Pratishtapane and Brahmakalashotsava related rituals, Rakshoghna Homa - Vastu Puja Homa, Bali, Prasada Shuddhi, Ankurarpana, Sudarshana Homa, **Evening.**
- **Sri Thyagaraja Sangeetha Sabha Charitable Trust, Mysuru:** 'Yuva Sangeetha Sambhrama' online concert series, Violin Duet dedicated to legendary violinist M.S. Gopalakrishnan, on the occasion of his 7th death anniversary, by

Vidu. Prithvi Bhaskar and **Vidu. C.V. Shruthi,** accompanied by **Vid. Nandan Kashyap** (mridanga) and **Vid. Shamith S. Gowda** (ghata), Sabha's YouTube channel *[https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC5duKEUSvk8XXBra6TWQnSA]*, **5 pm.**

- **Natana School of Theatre Arts:** Staging of Dharamvir Bharati's play 'Andha Yuga' (translated to Kannada by Siddalinga Pattanashetty and Thippeswamy, directed by Mandya Ramesh), School premises, Ramakrishnanagar, **6.30 pm.**
- **Rangayana:** Weekend Show, staging of play 'Antima' by Dhananjaya of Bengaluru-based Prayoga Ranga theatre troupe, (written by Radhakrishna Kalchaar and directed by Krishnamurthy Kavattaar), Mini Theatre, Rangayana premises, **6.30 pm.**

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Rajathantra (K)	(S-1)	1.45 pm, 4.30 pm
Solo Brathuke So Better (Te)	(S-1)	7.15 pm, 9.55 pm
	(S-2)	11.10 am, 4.40 pm
	(S-4)	1.45 pm
Wonder Women - 1984 (E)	(S-2)	1.40 pm
	(S-3)	10.45 am, 4.30 pm
	(S-4)	6.50 pm, 9.55 pm
Act 1978 (K)	(S-2)	7.15 pm
	(S-3)	1.45 pm
	(S-4)	4.15 pm
Ram Prasad Ki Tehrvi (H)	(S-3)	7.30 pm, 9.55 pm

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Wonder Women - 1984 (E)	(S-2)	11.30 am, 3.00 pm
		6.30 pm, 9.55 pm
	(S-3)	8.45 pm
Solo Brathuke So Better (Te)	(S-3)	11.45 am, 2.35 pm
		5.40 pm
	(S-4)	9.15 pm
Rajathantra (K)	(S-4)	12.00 noon, 6.05 pm
Ram Prasad Ki Tehrvi (H)	(S-4)	3.10 pm

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Rajatantra (K)	(S-1)	11.00 am
	(S-2)	4.30 pm
	(S-4)	1.30 pm
Solo Brathuke So Better (Te)	(S-1)	1.45 pm
	(S-2)	11.30 pm
	(S-4)	4.15 pm
Ramprasad Ki Tehrvi (H)	(S-1)	4.30 pm
	(S-4)	7.00 pm
Wonder Woman 1984 (E)	(S-3)	10.30 am, 1.30 pm,
		4.30 pm, 7.30 pm

NOTE: Movie timings published here are subject to sudden change by the theatre managements. The films are also liable to be changed in multiplexes if there are no minimum audience of 15 to the film announced here. **The other multiplexes and single screen theatres are yet to open.**

Hero Indian Super League 2020-21

Mumbai sink Kerala to go top

Amrinder Singh (Mumbai) attempts to punch the ball away during a Hero ISL match at Bambolim yesterday.

Bambolim, Jan. 3- Mumbai City FC returned to the top of the 2020-21 Hero Indian Super League (Hero ISL) standings after a 2-0 win over Kerala Blasters FC at the GMC Stadium in Bambolim on Saturday. Adam le Fondre gave the Islanders the lead from the penalty spot early on and Hugo Boumous netted their second of the night in the 11th minute before missing a penalty in the second half.

Awards — Hero of the Match: Amrinder Singh (Mumbai City FC); **DHL Winning Pass of the Match:** Ahmed Jahouh (Mumbai City FC).

Chess: Goa's 14-year-old boy becomes India's 67th GM

New Delhi, Jan. 3- Goa's 14-year-old Leon Mendonca has become India's 67th chess Grand Master (GM) by winning the third and final norm at a tournament in Italy.

Mendonca, who achieved the feat at 14 years, 9 months and 17 days, is the second GM from the Coastal State.

The player achieved his first GM norm at the Rigo Chess GM Round Robin in October, while the second came at the 1st Saturday event in Budapest in November and the final one at the Vergani Cup in Italy. At the Vergani Cup in Bassano del Grappa, he finished second with 6.5 points behind Ukraine's Vitaliy Bernadskiy (7 points).

Mendonca and his father Lyndon were stranded in Europe in March in the wake of the Coronavirus-enforced lockdown and travel restrictions.

They saw an opportunity in it and took part in several tournaments with an aim of achieving the GM title. In the nine months from March to December, Mendonca played in 16 tournaments and, from an ELO rating of 2452 points, improved to 2544.

EVENTS TOMORROW (JAN. 4)

- **Sri Ramadhama, Udayagiri:** Pratishtapane and Brahmakalashotsava related rituals, Prayaschitta Ayuta Sankhyaka Vishnu Gayatri Homa, Bimba Shuddhi, Agnyuttarana, Panchagavyaadhivasa, Pavamaanasukta Homa, Parayanagalu, **Morning;** Mruttikadhivasa and Udakashanti, **Evening.**
- **JSS Mysore Urban Haat and Office of the Development Commissioner (Handlooms), Government of India, Ministry of Textiles, Cauvery Handlooms, Bengaluru and the Department of Handloom,Textiles and Commerce; INDEXT-c, Government of Gujarat:** Special Handloom Expo and Gujarat Handicrafts Utsav, JSS Mysore Urban Haat, Ring Road, Hebbal Industrial Area, **10 am to 9 pm.**
- **New Crafts:** Silk India-2021, an exhibition-cum-sale of vast collections of handlooms, dress materials and sarees from across the country, Nanjaraj Bahadur Choultry, Vinoba Road, **10.30 am to 8.30 pm.**
- **House and Festiworld:** Indian Art and Craft Expo, open ground, near Apollo Hospital, Maraleshwara Temple, Adichunchanagiri Road, Kuvempunagar, **10.30 am to 9.30 pm.**
- **Divya Jyothi Charitable Trust:** World Braille Day celebrations, MUDA Commissioner Dr. D.B. Natesh inaugurates, MCC Commissioner Gurudatta Hegde, Mysuru District Journalists Association President S.T. Ravikumar, District Disabled Welfare Officer Malini, Senior Chartered Accountant G.N. Ananthavardhana, Trust Trustee S. Dhananjaya chief guests, Trust Founder-cum-Managing Trustee M.A. Shivaprakash presides, Trust premises, Dattagalli 3rd Stage, **11 am.**
- **Dr. Babu Jagjivan Ram Study, Research and Extension Centre, Manasagangothri:** Webinar Series on 'Babu Jagjivan Ram's thoughts,' University of Mysore (UoM) Vice-Chancellor Prof. G. Hemantha Kumar inaugurates, Karnataka Sahitya Academy Chairman Dr. B.V. Vasanthkumar and Dr. Babu Jagjivan Ram Study, Research and Extension Centre Director Prof. K. Sadashiva will talk on the topic, Vijnana Bhavan - Board Room, UoM, Manasagangothri, **11 am.** [Zoom: Meeting ID - 94157003846; Passcode - 189593]

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Today's Matches (Jan. 3)

EAST BENGAL
Vs
ODISHA
Tilak Maidan Stadium,
Vasco da Gama, Goa, **5 pm**

ATK MOHUN BAGAN
Vs
NORTHEAST UNITED
Fatorda Stadium
Margao, Goa, **7.30 pm**

Tomorrow's Match (Jan. 4)

CHENNAIYIN FC
Vs
HYDERABAD
GMC Stadium,
Bambolim, Goa, **7.30 pm**

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